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### **H.Res. 114 – Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Girls and Women in Sports Day” (Sires, D-NJ)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 114 would express the sense that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of ‘National Girls and Women in Sports Day’, an event sponsored by the National Girls and Women in Sports Coalition to honor the achievements of and encourage participation of girls and women in sports; and
- “Encourages the continued participation of schools and communities in providing opportunities for girls and women in elementary, secondary, and college sports to promote awareness of the positive influence of sports participation in the lives and health of girls and women, and the continuing struggle for equality and access for women in sports.”

The resolution lists a number of finding including:

- “Since 1987, the National Girls and Women in Sports Coalition has declared February 4 as ‘National Girls and Women in Sports Day’;
- “The House of Representatives has recognized the importance of girls and women in sports through title IX, which governs the overall equity of treatment and opportunity in athletics so that women have equal opportunities to participate in athletics;
- “The number of girls playing high school sports has increased from just under 300,000 during the 1971 to 1972 school year to nearly 3,000,000 during the 2005 to 2006 school year;
- “The number of women playing college sports grew from fewer than 32,000 in 1972 to nearly 171,000 from 2005 to 2006;

- “Despite great advancement, high school girls still receive 1,300,000 fewer participation opportunities than do boys, and the money spent on girls' sports is still far less than that spent on boys' sports;
- “High school girls who play sports are more likely to get better grades in school and are more likely to graduate than girls who do not play sports;
- “As little as 4 hours of exercise a week may reduce a girl's risk of breast cancer, osteoporosis, and obesity;
- “Girls and women who play sports have a more positive body image, higher levels of confidence and self-esteem, and experience higher states of psychological well-being than girls and women who do not play sports;
- “The celebration of ‘National Girls and Women in Sports Day’ would increase awareness of the importance sports play in the lives of girls and women in the United States; and
- “February 4, 2009, has been designated as ‘National Girls and Women in Sports Day’ by the National Girls and Women in Sports Coalition.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 114 was introduced on February 3, 2009, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

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## **H.Res. 128 Honoring Miami University (*Boehner, R-OH*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 128 would express the sense that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Miami University on the momentous occasion of its 200th anniversary, and expresses its best wishes for continued success;
- “Recognizes Miami's profound achievements and unwavering commitment to liberal arts education and the active engagement of its students in both curricular and co-curricular

life that has continually attracted and produced some of the Nation's brightest faculty, staff, and students; and

- “Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Miami University for appropriate display.”

The resolution lists a number of finding including:

- “Article III of the Northwest Ordinance states that ‘religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and its happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged’;
- “Miami University was named for the Miami Indian Tribe that inhabited the area now known as the Miami Valley Region of Ohio;
- “Miami University is our Nation's 10th oldest public institution of higher learning;
- “Miami University's motto is Process Quam Conspicua, ‘to accomplish without being conspicuous’;
- “Miami University is a student-centered public university deeply committed to student success, building great student and alumni loyalty, and empowering its students, faculty, and staff to become engaged citizens who use their knowledge and skills with integrity and compassion to improve the future of our society;
- “Poet Laureate Robert Frost once referred to Miami University as ‘the most beautiful college there is’;
- “Miami University is the birthplace of the McGuffey Eclectic Readers written by William Holmes McGuffey, ‘School Master to the Nation’, who wrote and compiled the first 4 Readers while a Miami University faculty member;
- “Miami University is cited annually by national college rankings as being one of the Nation's best values among public universities, and provides the opportunities of a major university while offering the personalized attention found in the best small colleges;
- “Miami University is named as one of the ‘Public Ivies’, offering ‘an education comparable to that at Ivy League universities at a fraction of the price’ in the book ‘The Public Ivies: America's Flagship Universities’;
- “Miami University is among a select group of universities in the Nation that have produced a Rhodes Scholar, a Truman Scholar, and a Goldwater Scholar in the same academic year;
- “Miami University's faculty are nationally prominent scholars and artists who contribute to Miami, their own disciplines, and to society by the creation of new knowledge and art;
- “Miami University has its own campus in Luxembourg and consistently ranks among the top 25 colleges and universities in the Nation for the number of undergraduate students who study abroad, where more than 35 percent of students study abroad before they graduate;
- “In Business Week magazine's latest ranking of undergraduate business programs, Miami's Farmer School of Business appears among the Nation's top 5 percent, ranking 8th among public universities and colleges;
- “Miami University has a retention and graduation rate that exceeds the national average for undergraduates, students of color, and athletes, and has the highest graduation rate in Ohio;

- “Miami has first-rate facilities, has completed a number of new facilities in recent years, including an engineering building and the Goggin Ice Center, and is currently constructing a new business school facility and planning for a new student center;
- “The Miami Student, established in 1826, is the oldest university newspaper in the United States;
- “Miami University is known as the ‘Mother of Fraternities’, as it is the Alpha Chapter for 5 national Greek organizations, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Tau, and the Delta Zeta sorority;
- “The University has over 150,000 living alumni who reside in every State of the union and numerous countries throughout the world, where they contribute significantly to their local and global communities;
- “Miami University is ranked 7th on the Peace Corps’ Top 25 list for medium-sized schools, with 42 alumni currently serving as volunteers, and since the Peace Corps’ inception in 1961, 809 Miami alumni have joined the ranks, making Miami the No. 44 producer of volunteers for all time;
- “Miami University’s alumni have a history of service to the United States, including a President of the United States (The Honorable Benjamin Harrison), 7 United States Senators, including sitting Senator Maria Cantwell (WA), 26 United States Representatives, including sitting Members, Congressman Paul Ryan (WI) and Congressman Steve Driehaus (OH), a Speaker of the House, the parents of a United States First Lady and grandparents of a United States President, 6 governors, 11 United States generals, and 6 United States ministers to foreign governments;
- “Miami University’s alumni include 27 college presidents;
- “Miami University has enriched our Nation in the arts, humanities, and sciences through students and alumni who have achieved the pillar of their professions such as a United States Poet Laureate, Pulitzer Prize winners, a National Teacher of the Year, National Institute of Health Fellows, National Science Foundation Recipients, National Endowment of the Arts Awardees, and renowned journalists;
- “Miami University is known as the ‘Cradle of Coaches’ for the unparalleled number of nationally prominent collegiate and professional coaches it has produced, 18 of whom have been recognized as national ‘Coach of the Year’ including Paul Brown (Cleveland Browns), Walter ‘Smokey’ Alston (Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers), Woody Hayes (Ohio State University), Bo Schembechler (University of Michigan), and Vicki Korn (Miami University);
- “Miami University has created a Culture of Champions, an environment that teaches student athletes to excel in their chosen endeavors as distinguished by a National Football League Rookie of the Year, National Football League Super Bowl Champions, National Basketball Association World Champions, National Hockey League Stanley Cup Champions, Major League Baseball World Series Champions, and Olympic gold medalists;
- “Miami University has contributed to the economic growth of this country through the education of men and women who have gone on to lead some of our most August corporations such as AT&T, Inc., Proctor & Gamble Co., the J.M. Smucker Company, and United Parcel Service of America; and

- “Miami University is the largest employer in Butler County, Ohio, and serves as an economic powerhouse for Southwest Ohio, the State of Ohio, and the Nation with an economic impact of over \$1,000,000,000 per year to the State of Ohio.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 128 was introduced on February 4, 2009, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

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## **H.R. \_—Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act (*Bishop, D-NY*)**

**Order of Business:** H.R. \_ is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 9, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.R. \_ would amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 with respect to hours-of-service requirements airline flight crews must meet to qualify for leave. The bill states that a flight attendant or flight crewmember will be considered to meet such requirements if he or she has been paid for or has worked 60% of the employer’s monthly hour or trip guarantee, or the equivalent annualized over the preceding 12-month period.

**Possible Conservative Concerns:** Although the Committee asserts that the bill is primarily a technical update to ensure FMLA coverage for certain flight crew, some conservatives may be concerned that the bill expands FMLA eligibility to another class of individuals.

**Committee Action:** H.R. \_ is the same bill that passed the House in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress (H.R. 2744) on May 20, 2008 by a vote of 402-9. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, it was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor which held a mark-up of the bill on May 14, 2008 and reported the bill, as amended, by 43-0. No Committee action has taken place in the 111<sup>th</sup>.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** Although a CBO score for H.R. \_ was not available at press time, CBO estimated that H.R. 2744 (from the 110<sup>th</sup>) would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** Yes. The bill expands existing private sector mandates to a specific class of individuals.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?:** Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

**Constitutional Authority:** A Committee Report citing constitutional authority was not available.

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## **H.Res. 60 - Recognizing and commending University of Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford (*Fallin, R-OK*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, February 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 60 would express the sense that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends Sam Bradford for his academic and athletic accomplishments;
- “Congratulates Sam Bradford for winning the 2008 Heisman Trophy; and,
- “Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to University of Oklahoma President Boren and Head Football Coach Bob Stoops for appropriate display.”

The resolution lists a number of finding including:

- “Sam Bradford was born on November 8, 1987, to Kent and Martha Bradford;
- “Sam Bradford's mother and father have instilled in him an unparalleled work ethic, outstanding leadership qualities, and a desire to excel;
- “Sam Bradford is an active citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma;
- “Sam Bradford is a dedicated student at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Finance and maintaining a 3.95 grade point average;
- “Sam Bradford is a member of the University of Oklahoma's Fellowship of Christian Athletes;

- “Sam Bradford is the quarterback for the University of Oklahoma's football team (Oklahoma) and has played an integral role in such team's 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) national championship bid;
- “Sam Bradford completed 48 touchdown passes in the regular season, setting a University of Oklahoma record for touchdowns in a single season, and also leading the nation in touchdown passes in the 2008 season;
- “Sam Bradford surpassed the NCAA record for most touchdowns by a quarterback through his freshmen and sophomore years;
- “Sam Bradford led the nation in passing efficiency with a percentage of 186.28;
- “On October 18, 2008, Sam Bradford passed for 468 yards against the University of Kansas, setting a University of Oklahoma record for most passing yards in a single game;
- “In 2008 Sam Bradford guided Oklahoma to a 12-1 record and played an essential role in Oklahoma's victory over the University of Missouri in the 2008 Big 12 Championship game on December 6, 2008; and,
- “On December 13, 2008, Sam Bradford became the 5th Oklahoma football player to win the Heisman Trophy, college football's most coveted and prestigious award.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 60 was introduced on January 14, 2009, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

**Administration Position:** No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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